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PILGRIMS THANKSGIVING

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THE NEW WASHINGTON TEMPLE

One of the most beautiful of all the impressive and imposing temples of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be the new Washington Temple under construction at Kensington, Maryland. The location is to the north of the nation's capitol at the intersection of Beach and Stoneybeach Drives, adjacent to Rock Creek Park and the Capitol Beltway.

Ground was broken by Pres. Hugh B. Brown in December 1968, as he represented Pres. David O. McKay. Pres. Brown gave the principal address and dedicated the 57 acres of land to the Lord and asked for blessings upon the construction effort that was to follow.

Others of the Church authorities who spoke or were in attendance included: Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve; Elder Paul H. Dunn of the First Council of the Seventy; Robert W. Barker, regional representative of the Twelve; Milan D. Smith, president of Washington Stake; Julian C. Lowe, president of Potomac Stake; Mark B. Garff, chairman of the Building Committee of the Church and J. Willard Marriott, former president of Washington Stake.

The First Presidency has designated the new edifice as "the Washington Temple" and indicated that the temple district will include the United States area east of the Mississippi River and the western half of Canada including Toronto Stake and the Canadian Mission.

The temple is tentatively scheduled to be completed in the early part of 1973.

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TRUE FRIENDSHIP: Real friends are those who, when you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel that you've done a permanent job. —Erwin T. Randall.

The President's Message

By Verl G. Dixon



THE YEAR 1972 will bring the 125th anniversary of the arrival of Brigham Young and the Mormon Pioneers in the Great Basin. Because of the dedication and sacrifices of our noble forbears we now have blessings beyond those of any people on earth. If we can have some of the devotion of the pioneers great things can be accomplished before July 24.

In 1947 the Centennial Trek was organized. This event brought me into activity as a member of the S.U.P. The pageantry of the trek from Nauvoo to Salt Lake City with our arrival in time for the great parade on July 24 changed the entire course of my life.

Our great leaders through the years have helped me to a fuller appreciation of our heritage. The example and encouragement of the ladies associated with us has been a great blessing. It is a humbling experience to be called to leadership in the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

This historical highlight brings me to the main purpose of my message. It is an appeal to every member of our society to face this anniversary year with the faith and determination of the pioneers. Continued growth and improvement depend upon the efforts of all of us.

We can achieve our goals by carrying out suggestions made by our officers at the fine encampment in Logan.

First, plan a program of activities that will attract and hold new members.

Second, develop a new project or re-vitalize an old one in each chapter.

Third, enlist our children and grandchildren by a birthday or Christmas gift of membership in the society. Work them into the organization by involvement in programs and activities that challenge their interest, ability and loyalty.

Fourth, search for pioneer stories that have not been written. Write them yourselves or encourage others to prepare them for entry in our annual story contest.

Fifth, look for opportunities to organize a new chapter and work with our national officers and committees to make it a reality.

Sixth, give full support to Pioneer Village, the Railroad Museum, the Mormon Battalion and all other special projects, organizations, or activities of our great society.

Seventh, look forward with greater faith in God who guided the pioneers to these valleys of the mountains. He will sustain us and strengthen us if we seek to do his will with his guidance we are sure to succeed.

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TEXT FOR TODAY: "This is my commandment, that ye love one another. —John 13:34.

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Pioneer Ponderings

HUNTING COHABS, to use a vulgar parlance of the days when "the feds," or federal officers went about chasing down "underground" Mormon polygamists, was just about the most lucrative employment of the times. Twenty dollars per capita for each polygamist captured was the standard price paid to those mercenaries for "betraying" their friends and neighbors.

Some amusing stories went the rounds about how dogging officials were either put on the wrong scent or completely outwitted. One good brother, caught unaware by the deputies, obtained permission to go upstairs, descended on the outside from an upper window by means of a rope tied to his bedstead and made his way through a cornfield to safety.

A prominent elder, dressed as an old lady, boarded a train for New York, with the intention of sailing for England. One of the "feds" getting wind of his intentions, but not of his disguise, hastened to the metropolis. Instead of arresting his man the officer had the pleasure of escorting a feeble old lady—the elder in disguise—on the steep walk up the plank leading to the ship.

A determined housewife in southern Utah, when an officer tried to search her house, grabbed the poker from the fireplace and jabbed and poked the retreating detective all the way to his horse and buggy.

And a precocious youngster in Salt Lake, asked on the street if he could point out a polygamist in the neighborhood, led the eager, sleuthing marshall into a chicken coop in the backyard, pointed out a big rooster and bade the officer arrest the feathered "cohab."



A HARLOT ON THE BENCH: Some time before the arrival of Johnston's Army in the Great Salt Lake Valley, to put down "the Mormon rebellion," a man by the name of W. W. Drummond was sent to the territory as a federal judge. "Leaving his wife and family in Illinois without any means of support, he brought with him a harlot whom he had picked up in the streets of Washington, and introducing her as Mrs. Drummond, seated her by his side on the judicial bench.

Gambler and shyster, he openly avowed he had come to Utah to cash in on the ignorance of the Mormons.

A lady residing in Salt Lake City, a sister of the real Mrs. Drummond, hearing that the judge's wife had arrived in the valley, promptly paid her a visit, and of course was astonished to find a different person in charge of the judge's household.

Drummond openly insulted the community "by mocking the religion of the inhabitants, especially polygamy and by seating his mistress beside him on the bench," wrote the historian Bancroft. As a result of his scandalous antics the whole community turned against him and he was obliged to resign and forthwith unceremoniously, with his graceless companion, returned to his home by way of California.

Majestic Old Juniper

By J. Smedley Stanford

About the time the Sons-of-Moses pioneers were preparing to enter the Promised Land a tree was born; took root in a limestone ledge in the land where the Mormon pioneers came about a century ago. This tree had to fight, as the men of Joshua did, to get firmly rooted in the hostile territory (on a ledge.) As the years and centuries passed the tree became strong, met and overcame opposition until a fire badly damaged it.

When this tree was discovered by Sons of Mormon Pioneers in Logan Canyon it showed scars made by a fire (but casual observers see no scars). Now, worn, battered by careless climbing feet, it stands a monarch above junipers, pines, spruces; tall trees but they were infants when the monarch was mature.

Visited by men, women, children of Utah and other states, Old Juniper's fame has grown year by year.

This year of 1971, the tree attracted more than its usual gathering of visitors because the Sons of the Utah Pioneers in annual encampment, came to pay their respects. And those who could not make it to the tree, found still more beauty and charm from vantage points overlooking beautiful Logan Canyon—peaceful armies of trees extending upward and downward along the silver and white river, flowers of many kinds and tracks on the trail where deer, porcupines and grouse also travel.

Old Juniper, symbol of fast-flying centuries! May it keep its watch from the wind-worn ledge—forever and always. Read these poetic lines by Carlton Culmsee:

OLD JUNIPER

*There lay the berry shriveled infirm
Lodged between sky and the limestone cliff
Not the wraith of a chance but the giant in the germ
Stared back unblinking at the monstrous if . . .
Sun arrows overhead and flint below
Ice from the north and thirst from the south
There the seedling draws its milk from the snow
Bread from the stone sinews from the drouth.
Now the giant leans upon the summit of the years
Weary from the battle with the cloven lime
Gnarled arms dropping the last brittle spears
And small berries taunting the massive jaws of time.*

Carlton Culmsee



REAL GRATITUDE: One of the surest evidences of friendship that one can display to another is telling him gently of a fault. If any other can excel it, it is listening to such a disclosure with gratitude and amending the error. —Bulwer.



RENEWALS NEEDED: If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself left alone. A man should keep his friendships in constant repair. —Samuel Johnson.

New SUP Officers Take Helm at Logan Encampment

Mayor Dixon Of Provo Named 1971-72 Leader

By Les Goates

Chapter orientation programs, entertainment ala royale, gala dinners and election of 1971-72 officers featured the annual encampment of the National Society Sons of the Utah Pioneers at Logan, Utah Sept. 10 and 11. The conclave, held at Utah State University, installed Mayor Verl G. Dixon of Provo as president, along with seven vice-presidents.

The event, always popular with SUP members throughout the West, opened with registration Friday and concluded with the President's Banquet in the Walnut Room of the USU Union on Saturday evening. Delegates and their guests were treated to a Pioneer Dinner party and concert Friday evening following an afternoon of committee meetings.

The opening day feature was the newly-adopted orientation meeting for chapter officers under the direction of Dr. Orson Wright of the Salt Lake region. This was the second such meeting conducted by Dr. Wright who outlined the seminar program and authored the chapter manuals. He expressed the good word that the move for uniform procedures and programs among the chapters was taking hold and the relationships between the various groups and the national board was being blended and strengthened.

Dr. Wright's "School"

Some 11 representatives of chapters reported on assigned topics at the Friday meeting, president over by Pres. E. Morton Hill. Some of the themes discussed were: expansion by sponsorship of new chapters, retention of memberships of oldsters, increasing life memberships, chapter service projects, perpetuation of each chapter's pioneer history, improved use by chapters of The Pioneer Magazine, publicity gimmicks, prospective treks by national and local organizations, use of the orientation manual, the pioneer stories contests and other related subjects.

Members were treated to a rare experience Saturday morning when they attended an old-fashioned



Verl G. Dixon, mayor of Provo, Utah, is the new president of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. He was elected without opposition at the Logan Encampment. He succeeds E. Morton Hill who becomes immediate past president.

threshing bee on the memorialized Jensen Farm, south of Logan. An annual event, the "harvest festival," as held in pioneer days with the old horse treadway and later the steam engine, was reenacted. The dedication of the Ronald V. Jensen Living Historical Farm was held in connection with the SUP gathering and most of the SUP delegates and their partners viewed the exhibits.

For the feminine visitors who did not care for the old-time farm exhibition, demonstrations in fabric weaving and pottery were held at locations convenient to the encampment headquarters.

104-Year Old Queen

An interesting and unique feature of the encampment was the selection

of Mrs. Annie Erickson Benson, age 104, as queen. A resident of Logan, she is believed to be Utah's oldest citizen.

Over 150 members of the SUP registered for the encampment and quite a number attended the late events without registering. Along with their wives and friends, the attendance was well over 300, one of the largest turnouts of any encampment.

It was decided by the delegates to hold the 1972 encampment at Provo, under the aegis of the Brigham Young and George Albert Smith Chapters. Cedar City extended an invitation for the event but changed its bid to 1973 which was approved by the delegates.

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... story winner

Logan SUP Encampment Installs 1971-72 Officers, Presents Awards

(continued from preceding page)

Chairman of the encampment was George B. Everton, Sr. with Earl A. Hansen, member of the National Board assisting. Mr. Everton became a member of the National Board also, when he was elected chairman of the Life Membership Committee.

Officers Elected

In addition to electing Mayor Dixon as president, the delegates selected vice presidents as follows: Lorin C. Miles, Cedar City; David S. Nelson, Provo; Orson D. Wright, Salt Lake City; Thomas A. Lambert, East Mill Creek-Holladay-Sandy regions; John A. Shaw, Ogden; Harold B. Felt, Brigham City and Earl A. Hansen, Logan.

Jacob B. (Jay) Cox of the Lehi Chapter was named Outstanding SUP member of the Year; Mr. and Mrs. LeGrand Backman of the Salt Lake Chapter were acclaimed Outstanding Couple and the East Mill Creek Chapter received the Outstanding Chapter Award. Because of illness in his family, Mr. Cox was unable to attend the encampment and his trophy was delivered to Veron Curtis, president of the Lehi Chapter.

Award-winning story writers were Elwood Corry of Cedar City and Thomas A. Lambert of the East Mill

Creek Chapter. Their stories will appear in future editions of The Pioneer.

Under the steering genius of J. Rulon Morgan, adjutant general, the delegates adopted a resolution to change the constitution to provide for the election of a "president-elect" beginning with the 1972-73 election. The change will provide an additional member of the national board and give him a year's training in the office before he becomes president.

The memoriam to deceased members in 1970-71 was delivered in eloquent and impressive style by the judge advocate, assisted by the Chorales, a charming and delightful women's choral group, Mrs. Helen J. Tanner, director, which provided the music for the session Saturday evening. The musical program for the Friday evening dinner-party was provided by the Towne Singers, a mixed chorus directed by F. Eugene Tueller.



E. Morton Hill
... fine leader steps aside

Traveler of 1869 Amazed Scots Joined The Church

A Scottish traveler who visited Salt Lake City in 1869 expressed considerable surprise that fellow Scots could be "seduced" to join the Mormons and emigrate to Utah's "sterile, salt-parched, rainless valleys." Commenting on the barren look of the so-called promised land, he concluded:

"The Mormons represent it as a land flowing with milk and honey; but, as we were told by one of the citizens, the milk flows at the rate of two shillings and three pence per gallon, and the honey at three shillings per pound.

"Such is the paradise to which Mormon missionaries induce emigrants with their bunkum, and yet, season after season, consignments of these poor creatures are arriving, like dumb driven cattle from Germany, Wales, England — and even from Scotland."

It was this visitor's personal experience that most people, outside of Utah, are surprised that there are Mormons in Scotland. Somehow they find it hard to visualize the traditionally Presbyterian Scot as a member of the Mormon Church.

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By LES GOATES

America Gives Thanks For Her Many Blessings

THANKSGIVING this year, for several years past, with our own and other people's freedom sorely menaced, seems more than ever a fit time for remembrance of that season more than three centuries ago, when this autumnal feast had its origin.



Less than a year before the little band of Pilgrims had landed on Plymouth Rock, to seek the freedom of religious belief denied them in England, only to face a winter of suffering, hardships and 50 deaths.

Those cruel months were followed by a fair spring and warm summer with plenty of rainfall all of which favored the colonists' crops. The harvest was abundant, and with the friendly Indian Chief Massasoit and a group of his followers as guests, the Pilgrim folk made a feast that lasted three days.

That was our first Thanksgiving. With nearly half of their number claimed by the winter's plague; with their habitations ill-prepared for another frigid season and with uncertainty as to their future welfare, they "showed forth their gratitude to God for the good that was theirs."

To these shores they had brought a hunger and thirst for freedom that made them willing to undergo all manner of privations and defy all dangers. Firm as the barren rock on which they landed was their faith that with God's help they could conquer the wilderness. And so armed, they won the victory!

For the sacrifices and devotions of these Pilgrim founders, we give thanks. We give thanks for the plenty we enjoy, for peace of mind—whether it is more or less—and for the right to work and for time to play; for sufficient to eat and to share; for our loved ones at home and for friends away and for goodwill toward all people.

And finally, we give thanks for our immortal destiny as a nation; for the faith that America will go on from development to development until it shall become the light of all nations as God has designated for it!

Christmas Reminds Us Of The Most Perfect Gift

CHRISTMAS is the season for gifts and the whole Christian world annually goes "zany" about buying and giving at this gala season of the year.

It does this without realizing or recognizing that the gift of the Lord Jesus Christ by the Father Omnipotent, is the greatest gift ever given to mankind.



Jesus, through his sacrifice on the cross, made us all eligible for salvation — ransomed our souls at the cost of his blood. He also offered thereby exaltation, or eternal life, to those who might be willing to earn it.

It is good to be reminded of this gospel truth all the days of our lives, and especially at Christmas time. It is about time we got around to putting the *Christ* back into *Christmas*.

One can scarcely help loving Jesus for what he has done for us all. One can scarcely help loving Jesus for his gospel of *love*. Even born rebels will admit that love is the *way*, the *truth* and the *life* and that no one comes into wisdom except by *love*.

It becomes increasingly clear that the modern world is turning its back on Jesus, and in ignoring his teachings, is going hopelessly astray.

But there is new hope for all in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Truly, he marked the path and led the way. That a man should live in an obscure corner of Judea, nineteen centuries ago, speak an insignificant dialect, and yet by dint of wisdom and goodness, and in spite of having suffered a shameful death, reign as God for these 2000 years and be adored by hundreds of millions, goes far to prove that *goodness* and *wisdom* are fed by some hidden source which can be discovered and be made available to those who diligently search after them.

Certainly, "all the armies that ever marched, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the lives of so many upon this earth as powerfully as has this Jesus, the lowly Nazarene." What gift to compare?

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LeGrand And Edith Backman Chosen SUP 'Couple Of Year' at Encampment



The Backmans—King And Queen of SUP

LeGrand and Edith Backman, than whom there has never been a couple any "whomer" in Salt Lake City and Utah civic, fraternal, educational, cultural and religious leadership, were acclaimed SUP "Couple of 1970-71" at the Logan Encampment. Mr. Backman is former president of the Salt Lake City Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and a widely renowned leader in scores of community activities.

Mrs. Backman, native of Goshen, Utah is a member of the General Board of the International Women's Relief Society and holds a Normal Training School degree from Brigham Young University. She has taught school in her home town and in Draper, Utah. The Backmans celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 8, 1971.

The Backmans have four children: Robert L. Backman; Mary Jean (Mrs. John R. Alley); Richard P.; Beverly (Mrs. Robert E. Davis) and James H. They have 28 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Long Church Service

LeGrand is senior member of the firm, Backman, Backman and Clark, attorneys at law. He was admitted to the bar June 1, 1922, a graduate of the University of Utah. He served on a mission for the Church in South Africa from 1915 to 1919.

Mr. Backman's service in the Church continued following his mission to include: bishop of the 34th Ward (1921-1928); member of bishopric Yale Ward (1940-1941); mis-

sion president, South African Mission, (1935-1938); bishop of Yale Ward (1940-41); stake presidency, Bonneville Stake (1941-1951); guide on Temple Square for 10 years; host at Visitors Center, Temple Square (presently).

Highest of Honors

The highest of honors have come to Mr. Backman in the realm of education. He served as a member of the Salt Lake City Board of Education (1939-1959) and was chairman at termination of his term. He was director of the Days of '47 celebration and has been a member of the Parade Committee since 1935. He was president of his SUP chapter during 1969-1970.

Among the awards won by LeGrand in his multiple activities are: Man of the Year Award, Phi Delta Kappa 1957, in recognition of his service to public school education in Utah; Distinguished Service Award, Utah School Board Association (1961); Distinguished Service to Education, Utah Technical College (1969); Life Membership Award, National Educational Association (1957); Merit Honor Award, Emeritus Club, University of Utah Alumni Association (1971) and the Selective Service Award, the Congress of the United States.

The Backmans have traveled extensively, circumnavigating the world twice with sojourns in Africa, New Zealand, the Orient, South America, the Caribbean, western Europe and Russia.

Alice Paxman McCune Of Nephi Observes Happy 101st Birthday

NEPHI — Mrs. George (Alice Paxman) McCune, native of American Fork, Utah, and long-time resident of Nephi, celebrated her 101st birthday on Sept. 16 as scores of relatives and friends visited her in a St. George rest home.

She was born Sept. 16, 1870 in American Fork, one of 11 children, to William and Ann Paxman. When she was 13 years of age, her father was called to serve as president of the Juab Stake, headquarters in Nephi, where she lived most of her life.

The pioneer lady was married to George McCune on Sept. 13, 1893. He died shortly after they had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Mrs. McCune has been active in the LDS Church as an organist, teacher and officer in various organizations. She is author of the Centennial History of Juab County. She kept house in her own home until she was injured in a fall when she was 97. Since then she has resided in rest homes in Provo and St. George.

She is the mother of seven children. In 1954 she was selected "Mother of the Year" by the Federated Clubs of Nephi.

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Our Readers Write

Restore Grand Old 'Lady Of The Lake'

Salt Lake City and Utah are missing the boat out at Great Salt Lake. When the classic saltish sea receded and left Saltair high and dry, the state should have built another such resort, even bigger and finer than the world-renowned pleasure spot that was abandoned.

The time is right now that something be done about this. Utah has long been termed a "passing through" state for tourists. All the time it has something that no other state or country could match in this, the largest and perhaps the only inland saltish sea in the land.

Utah has many exciting attractions to go along with a new "Saltair." Less than an hour's drive from the south end of the lake are Temple Square which draws more than 2 million visitors a year; Utah Copper's vast open pit, the largest in the world and the picturesque and colorful southern Utah wonderlands. All these comprise tourist attractions the like of which cannot be matched by any state in the nation.

All we need now is the proposed up-to-date \$15 million resort on our classic inland sea, including a 300-to-500-room hotel and restaurant; indoor health spa; a marina and sand beach. We are told we need 2,000 more hotel rooms to hold tourists more than a day or two in the Salt Lake Valley.

But where is the money to come from? Some California investors have shown more than casual interest in this project, it was shown on

a recent TV presentation, and Utah bankers are watching the developments closely, it was disclosed. The state should get into the act forthwith and right away. These financial sharpsters doubt not that such a tremendous facility would pay for itself in good time.

Sons of Utah Pioneers, spearheaded by Sheldon Brewster, the one-man crusader for "a new Saltair" have always been interested in restoring the good things the pioneers created and developed in their "Promised Valley." Nobody is going to argue that Saltair was an insignificant contribution to their mighty creations.

—Fred W. Harker

Thank-You Note

Pioneer Magazine:

I, with my family greatly appreciate your kind article regarding the passing of my dear husband. The lovely and true things you said about "Ed" expressed admirably his noble nature. He was indeed a noble and exceptional personality. He loved life and was loved by many.

His long illness was characterized by his implicit faith and love, his cheerfulness and gratitude, his perfect peacefulness and his thoughtfulness of others. What comfort it has been for me and my family to realize this.

With deep appreciation,

Luella W. Cannon

Plug For The Pioneer

Being a shut-in for awhile I can find time to drop a line or two to express my appreciation for "The Pioneer." I enjoy it very much and would like to express my appreciation to the staff that writes, edits and prints it.

Sometime soon, I am publishing a very limited volume—my life story—with some eleven stories of my immediate ancestors. It has been a bit of a job for an oldster of 84. Proof reading and editing are new to me.

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—S. Grant Young

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Ogden's old Tabernacle Square became Ogden's new Temple Square with the removal of the historic old Tabernacle which had landmarked the downtown picture spot since it was built from a Utah Militia Headquarters in 1857 and remodeled in 1896. It was used over the 75 or more years as a site for stake conferences for Ogden area stakes and since 1966 as a genealogical library.

Another Grand Old Landmark:

Historic Ogden Tabernacle Razed To Make Room For New Temple Layout

OGDEN — Another grand old Mormon edifice has been razed to make room for progress and expansion of the facilities of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Gone from Ogden's picturesque Tabernacle Square in the heart of downtown, is the old Ogden Tabernacle. Following a unanimous decision by 26 stake presidents and the approval of the First Presidency and the Church Building Committee, the structure was removed to make room for the planned architectural layout of the square as it conforms to the new Ogden Temple now being constructed.

The building in recent years, since the construction of the new Ogden Tabernacle, has been used as a genealogical library. A new genealogical facility will be built onto the new tabernacle, said Keith W. Wilcox, chairman of the Ogden Stake Presidents Council.

First used by the Ogden Division of the Utah Militia when Johnston's Army came to Utah in 1857-58, the old tabernacle in 1896, was remod-

eled into a church building for stake conferences and other stake and ward gatherings. It had a seating capacity of 1300 and was the home of the once-famous Ogden Tabernacle Choir.

The use of the building for stake conferences ended in 1952 with the completion of the new tabernacle. It was made into a genealogical library in 1966.

With the removal of this historic old landmark, the landscaping and fencing of Ogden's Temple Square can now be completed.



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HOW THEY GOT THE NAME: Picturesque Places Out West

By Thomas M. Woolley

Rainbow Bridge National Monument in 1910 was set aside to protect what was called "the greatest of all known natural bridges." Simulating the arch of a rainbow, this magnificent bridge spans Bridge Canyon on the northwest slope of Navajo Mountains, ten miles downstream from the confluence of the San Juan River with the Colorado.



Mr. Woolley

This extraordinary arch is 309 feet above the stream bed and has a span of 278 feet. The Paiute name of the bridge is Barohoini, "the rainbow" and the Navajo name is Nonne-zoshi, "great arch." Currently a controversy rages as to how the Reclamation Service should engineer the protection of Rainbow Bridge against the waters of Lake Powell.

Rainbow Plateau is the least known, most inaccessible, roughest area in the Navajo Reservation. It is 6,000 feet, it is south of San Juan in Utah and Arizona, characterized by bare red rock with closely placed canyons and a place where natural bridges are plentiful. Navajo Mountain rises 4,000 feet above the general level. Saint George, in Washington County, is the county seat and in the lower Virgin Valley. This attractive town was founded in 1861, with farming, stock raising and tourists as its main industry. The town was named after George Albert Smith, counsellor to President Brigham Young, who maintained his winter home there, to enjoy the mild climate. His house is one of the tourist attractions of the town.

St. George is the site of the first Mormon temple to be built in Utah. The structure is of black lava and

red sandstone, the walls are covered with stucco painted in show-white, causing the building to shimmer in the Dixie sunshine. Dixie college is located here.

St. John, Tooele County, was named for John Rowberry, a pioneer of Tooele. St. John and St. George illustrate one mode of Mormon town naming.

Salduro, Tooele County, is a Salt Desert Railway station near the Bonneville Salt Flats. The name is formed from Latin with Sal for "salt" and duro, "hard." An immense bed of rock salt about sixty miles long and eight miles wide is in this area of the Great Salt Lake Desert.

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Report of INCOME & DISBURSEMENTS: NATIONAL SOCIETY, SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS Pioneer Village Museum and Railroad (Corinne) Museum September 1, 1970 thru Aug. 31, 1971

Total on hand and in the bank as of August 31, 1970—\$605.46

	Pioneer Village	Railroad Museum
Receipts & Deposits for the period Sept. 1, 1970 thru Aug. 31, 1971		
Cash Donated: H. A. Sorenson	4,000.00	
Cash Donated: Southeast Furniture	8,181.41	
Cash Donated: Misc. others	100.00	
Museum Admissions—Pioneer Village	26,646.32	
Museum Admissions—Railroad Museum		1,438.50
Rental of facilities: Pioneer Village	415.00	
Other misc. income	522.79	
Total on hand & deposits to account for:	40,470.98	1,438.50
Disbursements for the period:		
CAPITAL ITEMS		
Roads & Grounds	300.00	
Equipment & relics	1,276.53	
Payment on notes	8,000.00	
Salaries & Wages		
Gross taxes net		
Pioneer Village	6,382.00	5,840.49
Other salaries & wages paid by Southeast Furniture Co. (watchman, receptionist, etc.)	6,160.00	
Fans-Brochures-gifts-folders-for adv.	2,032.21	100.00
Heat, Light & Water & sewer services	1,156.02	132.79
Insurance	267.21	173.00
Interest	360.00	
Feed and care of animals	4,006.60	
Office postage & printing	149.61	
Maps, pictures, signs, displays	1,142.47	
Repairs, maintenance, gardens, grounds	2,288.66	6.24
TV's, Parades & other entertainment	381.35	
Supplies	845.72	23.55
Taxes, Licenses, Payroll & sales tax	768.09	
Telephone	369.05	120.22
Truck, Auto, and other travel	1,735.50	
Land lease	1,125.00	
Linen supplies	63.00	
Misc. purchases for resale, pop, etc.	634.05	12.90
Other unclassified expenses	157.69	
Total disbursements for the period	37,755.75	1,872.20
Net Balances	2,715.23	(433.70)
Total on hand & in the bank as of August 31, 1971—\$2,281.53		

Report submitted by:

Ronald L. Kingsbury, Treasurer
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MORMON BATTALION ON THE MARCH

Interest Runs High In Proposed 2,000-Mile Trek

By Col. Marvin E. Smith

Many people in different areas are feeling impelled to honor the U. S. Mormon Battalion of 1846-48. The original trail of over 2000 miles is being rediscovered, monuments and markers raised, and much new history is being uncovered.

Those involved include university and state historians, SUP chapters,



Col. Smith

Explorer Scouts, DUP, individual businessmen, Church groups and members of the current battalion. Col. Fred M. Reese, C.O. met with numerous key people in northern California; with Scouts in the Omaha and Denver region, and was invited to

speak at a Mormon History Convention at Santa Fe on Oct. 4.

Interest is running high in this project which covers many states. Each member of SUP and MB should focus both personal and group support of this worthy historical event.

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Why is it that each SUP Encampment seems to be the best ever? Congratulations to George B. Everton, chairman, Earl A. Hansen, MC, and the other committee members for a memorable occasion.

I like to remember:

The excellent choice and election of Mayor Verl G. Dixon of Provo as national president. He is a stalwart leader yet possessed of a considerate, warm and friendly personality. For many years he has been a consistent and devoted supporter of SUP and MB.

Project chairman Grant Ursenbach of the Sierra Chapter at Sacramento and his invitation for all to attend the dedication on Jan. 22, 1972, of the restored log cabin built by battalion members near Sutters Mill, Coloma, Calif.

Marvin Follett's 1100 mile trip to attend the encampment and report on the progress in marking and locating the original battalion trail in the Douglas, Ariz. area.

The demonstration of the old time threshing bee. Also the Man and His Bread Museum.

The reverent posting of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance by uniformed members of Co.D: Dwain Carlson, Earl Gordon and William Kendrick.

The best smorgasbord meal at the President's Banquet that I can ever remember having.

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With the change of commanding officers on Mormon Battalion Day came the release of all officers with a vote of thanks, in accordance with the policy established during Col. Earl A. Hansen's tenure.

Col. Fred M. Reese, former CO and chairman of the massive Battalion Trail project was sustained as the leader. He has been active with the organization since its beginning and continues to serve with great energy and enthusiasm.

Others already selected to serve with him are Wendell D. Leavitt,

Farmington, as executive officer; Elmer B. Jones, adjutant; S. Richard Keddington, treasurer; James G. Augue, assistant finance officer for the Trail Project. More assignments are being made. Marvin E. Smith was appointed to serve on the Trail Project, organize treks and represent the Battalion on the SUP Board.

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Fred and Elva Reese celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on MB Day.

It was great to have Earl and Pearl Gordon, the Kendricks and the Quentin Thomas' present for the big day—from the north. Mayor Verl G. Dixon and family were there from Provo.

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THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 1971

BEGINNING BALANCE AUGUST 1, 1970 \$14,334.23

RECEIPTS

National Dues:		
Chapter Members	\$4,697.50	
Members at Large	665.00	\$5,362.50
Contributions		25.00
Advertising in The Pioneer		2,866.57
Sale of The Pioneer Copies		23.50
1970 Encampment Net		4.97
Interest on Savings Accounts		801.93
Interest on Life Membership Fund		291.79
Chapter Presidents Dinner		184.00
Lapel Pins		2.00
Total receipts for National Office		9,562.26
Life Membership Dues		100.00
Administration Building Rentals		505.00
Total Receipts		10,167.26
Total to Account for		24,501.49

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	2,322.50
Payroll Taxes Net	109.42
Travel Expense	300.00
Postage, Supplies, Printing & Office Expense	586.77
Telephone	207.33
Chapter Presidents Dinner	213.00
The Pioneer Printing & Mailing Costs	4,159.32
Advertising Commissions	293.43
Pins and Awards	180.00
Chapter President Orientation Manuals	166.21
Life Membership Plaque	238.65
Past Presidents Plaque	2.61
Total Disbursements for National Office	8,779.24
Life Membership Dues	100.00
Administration Building Rentals	505.00
Total Disbursements	9,384.24
ENDING BALANCE JULY 31, 1971	\$15,117.25
By: Lorenzo B. Summerhays	
Treasurer, National S.U.P.	

Chapter Eternal

Kenneth A. Brady

Kenneth A. Brady, 70, member of the Temple Quarry Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, died Sept. 6, at his home in Sandy, Utah, of a heart attack. He was patriarch of the Sandy East Stake, former state legislator and a retired educator.

For many years he was a teacher of manual and industrial arts and mathematics at Jordan High School until his retirement in 1966. He was elected that same year to the Utah House of Representatives, District 22, in which he served two terms. He served as chairman of the House Agriculture and Irrigation Committee.

He served in a wide line of church offices: He was a missionary to Great Britain from 1923 to 1925; bishop of the Sandy Sixth Ward for six years; member of the High Council and the stake presidency for three years and was appointed stake president in 1965.

Mr. Brady graduated from Jordan High School in 1920. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Utah in geological engineering in 1928 and was a partner in the Brady-Milne Appliance Company from 1945 to 1955. He was charter president of the Union Lions Club.

Kenneth A. Brady was born March 16, 1901 at Sandy, a son of Lindsay Anderson and Ellen Catherine Anderson Brady. He married Jessie Madsen August 19, 1930 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Survivors: widow, Sandy; three sons, one daughter, K. Madsen Brady, Sandy; Rodney H., Washington, D.C.; Lindsay A., Holladay; Mrs. Dean (Joanne) Frandsen, Sandy; 18 grandchildren; brothers, Silas L. Brady, and Clyde Brady, both of Salt Lake City; Lynal (Ted) Brady, Sandy; sisters, Mrs. George (Lucy) Green and Mrs. Jesse (Leila) Nix, both of Union, Salt Lake County; Mrs. Ellis (Mary) Peterson, Tustin, Calif., and Mrs. Charles (Dora) Campbell, Rupert, Idaho.

Funeral services were held Sept. 9 in the Sandy Sixth Ward Chapel. Burial was in the Sandy City Cemetery.

Elmer W. Bird

Elmer William Bird, 81, Mapleton, Utah County, Utah, prominent and enthusiastic worker for the Sons of Utah Pioneers, died Aug. 12 in a Provo hospital of a heart ailment.

Mr. Bird was active in several civic, professional and church endeavors. He was former president and director of the Mapleton Irrigation Company; director of the County Farm Bureau; member of the Utah Crop Improvement Board and the Sons of Utah Indian War Veterans. He was the first mayor of Mapleton.

A former missionary to the Eastern States Mission, he was a high priest in the Mapleton 10th Ward and a member of the Mapleton Men's Chorus.

Mr. Bird was born Feb. 20, 1890 in Mapleton, a son of Charles M. and Abbie M. Whiting. He married Lenore Banks in 1913. She died in 1926. He married Millie S. McDonald, May 17, 1927 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Survivors: widow; son, daughters, Elmer W. Jr., Payson; Mrs. Leo A. (Lillian) B. Crandall, Springville; Mrs. Frank (Orpha) Dee Johnson, Mapleton; Mrs. Robert A. (Maurine) B. Allen, Renton, Wash.; stepson, Athel McDonald, Springville; 26 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brothers, Merrill W., Ogden; Freeman C., Mapleton.

The funeral service was held Aug. 14 in the Berg Chapel in Provo and burial was in the Springville Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Busk Of Richfield New Member Of Utah Centenarian Club

RICHFIELD — Mrs. Ann K. Busk, probably Utah's newest centenarian, who has never missed voting since she became an American citizen turned 100 years of age on August 14, 1971 and was honored with an open house-reception attended by many friends and relatives from far and near.

Until recently she resided in Elsinore where she took up residence with her family in July 1884. She was born in Denmark, Aug. 14, 1871. She married John Nielsen Busk and they were married 47 years. He died in 1946. The Busk's had 13 children and she came from a family of 12.

Mrs. Busk enjoys life and isn't shocked with the youth of today in general, but is grieved at the antics of the rebellious ones. She enjoys quilting and crocheting, distributing her handiwork among her relatives. She has been a Relief Society worker for 40 years.

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First Prize SUP Award-Winning Story**"A Call to the Bishopric"**

By Elwood J. Corry

I never knew my grandfather William Henry Corry very well, as he died when I was about five years old.

His parents, George Corry and Margaret Climie Corry, were converted to the L.D.S. Church while living at Perth, Ontario, Canada. They subsequently moved to Utah in 1847, settling in Provo. In 1853, they moved to Cedar City, Utah, where they lived the remainder of their lives.

Grandfather was a blacksmith, having learned the trade from James Urie, with whom he was apprenticed. He and his wife, Elizabeth Louise Parry Corry, also operated a family hotel in their home where travelers would stay, as well as some roomers and boarders. Renting out rooms in some of the larger homes was not an uncommon practice in the early days of Cedar City, as there were a number of such family hotels.

From what I have been told, Grandfather was a fine blacksmith. He was a hard worker, honest and conservative, paying his way as he went along. I am sure he must have passed up many good business opportunities preferring not to go in debt.

Active Citizen

He took an active part in civic affairs, having served on the City Council for some time. He had never sought for nor aspired to any Church position. I suppose you might say he was an upright, honest man, minding his own business.

His Church activity was about average, but on this Sunday afternoon, December 22, 1888, it was to be a special occasion. A new bishop was to be called, and Apostle John W. Taylor had been sent down by the General Authorities of the Church to officiate in the change. At that time, there was only one ward in Cedar City. The bishop was pretty much a key man. Naturally, the interest was high as to who the new bishop would be.

On this Sunday, Grandfather, with two of his sons, dressed up and walked to church. On the way they passed some men standing on the corner, and Grandfather said, "Well,

you better come to church and vote for me." This, of course, was a good joke, as no one expected that William H. Corry, the blacksmith, would be called to be the new bishop. Then, too, he had his weaknesses as we all do, one of which was indulging in an occasional drink of liquor on festive occasions such as weddings etc., and on occasions when there wasn't a wedding. This weakness was well known to the townspeople.

"Who Do You Want?"

At the meeting, Grandfather was sitting in the audience with his two sons. As my father related the incident to me, Elder Taylor stood up and, after making some remarks, he said, "Well, who do you want for your new bishop?" There must have been silence, tension, for a long moment. Then he said, "I will tell you who your next bishop will be," and

*Pioneer Meeting House*

he pointed to my grandfather; but Grandfather looked around to see whom he was calling. Brother Taylor said, "You are the man, you with the moustache." Grandfather stood up and said, "You are mistaken in the man, you are mistaken in the man!" Elder Taylor insisted he was the man. Whereupon, Grandfather came up to the stand and said, "You know my faults and my weaknesses. If you are willing to accept me and support me, I will do the best I can."

I have been told that he served as bishop for some thirteen years. He

was greatly loved by the people, and he was kind and considerate to the widows and those who had met with misfortune. According to my father, it was a routine task for Grandfather's sons to "hook up the team," load up the wagon with various commodities from the Bishop's Storehouse, and deliver the items to those in need. In those days, it was a common practice to pay tithing in kind, and it was no small undertaking to dispose of the various commodities which were turned in. He often bought perishable goods turned in for tithing rather than see them spoil.

Liquor Problem Again

He always regretted the circumstances under which he was released, for although he had served faithfully for many years, he succumbed to his old weakness for drink. As a consequence, he was asked to stand up before the people and make a public confession. The Stake President who asked him to do this had been one of his counselors in the early years of Grandfather's ministry as bishop. Grandfather was unwilling to make this public confession, and it hurt him deeply when he was released.

He made a promise to his Heavenly Father and wrote in a book that "with the help of God, I will never touch another drop of liquor as long as I live." According to my father, this promise was faithfully kept for the remainder of Grandfather's life.

His generation has long since gone, but I hope that the memory of their deeds and their examples of persistence under trial and hardship, not withstanding their weaknesses, will inspire our generation to greater faith and works.

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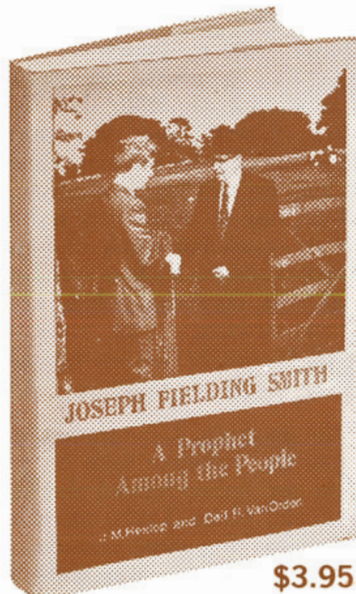
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Historical Highlights

By Harold H. Jenson
SUP Historian

Little wonder the East Mill Creek Chapter was acclaimed the "Outstanding SUP Chapter of the Year." Under the leadership of the dynamic Ken Wiseman, this group, bedecked in large, flaming-red ties, filled up bench after bench at the Logan meetings and with their vigorous enthusiasm in various other ways, put great gusto into the encampment. They even had parties each night after all the regular programs were concluded where they sang and put on skits.

The EMC gang posted the only campaign poster on display, a huge sign urging a vote for Thomas A. Lambert for vice-president—and he was elected. Their candidate also won second prize in the SUP storytelling competitions. It was quite a celebration for the "wild bunch" as some called them but it was the kind of enthusiasm all our chapters need. Oh yes, last year at Kanab, with their pep and posters, they elected E. Morton Hill, national president!



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What will you remember longest about the Logan Encampment? To your historian the old-fashioned threshing bee on the Zolinger Farm, was most memorable because he remembers so many of these from the days of long ago. Earl Hansen feed-

ing the bundles into the machine, the eight-horse team on the power treadmill, the old steam-power engine and the modern-machine procedures—all were sights long to be remembered.

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Emigrants Cost \$65 Per Head On New UP Railroad

During the summer of 1868, as Mormon boys worked on the Union Pacific railroad grade and their people prepared for the coming of the rails, the Church used the partially constructed facilities to expedite and to enlarge the annual emigration from Great Britain. The first group of west-bound Mormons to sail from Liverpool that season came on the "John Bright," hoping to reach the Union Pacific rail terminus by July 10. Between them, that vessel and the "Minnesota" brought 1,250 emigrants to the United States, all of whom had reached Laramie before the end of July, where they were met by the usual wagon trains.

By that time the "Colorado" had delivered another 600 who also came west by rail. The total emigration from Europe that year amounted to 3,232 persons, most of whom came from the British Isles. England contributed 1,845; Wales, 232; Scotland, 193; Ireland, 16; Jersey, 24; and the Isle of Man, 5. The continental contribution was mainly from northern Europe, with Denmark sending 540; Sweden, 216; Norway, 63; North Germany, 3; Switzerland, 41; Italy, 8; Bavaria, 2; France, 1; and Holland, 3.

Brigham Young was pleased by the dispatch and the ease with which the converts made their way, commenting that they arrived looking well thanks to a rail ride of 650 miles beyond the Missouri that made the journey across the plains far less dangerous and wearing than in years gone by. One of the Mormons who accompanied the travelers gave a less glowing picture of the new facilities, remarking that "It cost us much trouble to get the saints in the crowded cars [at Omaha], as these were poor and uncomfortable."

Despite any discomforts the trip was cheaper and quicker than before. Pres. Young estimated that it cost about \$65.00 a head to bring his people from Liverpool to the rail terminus, a figure that was quite reasonable considering what the road charged other customers. The regular fare from Omaha to the terminus was ten cents a mile, a figure that equaled what the British emigrants had to pay for the entire trip.

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Little Salt Lake Chapter (Parowan) Sets Up Articles of Incorporation

By Clifton P. Halterman

PAROWAN — The active members of the Little Salt Lake Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, have filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state and can now own property in its own name.

News tid-bits from this SUP sector: The Lawrence and Augusta D. Adams family have donated to the chapter a parcel of land, adjacent to the Parowan Main St. on Second South. The pioneer home which originally stood on this property belonged to John Calvin Lagell Smith.

The John C. Fremont Company on its fifth exploration trip across the

Rocky Mountains, seeking a suitable railroad route through the Central Rockies, reached Parowan, Feb. 6, 1854. The men were so travel-worn and ill, practically starved, that they remained in this locale for several days of rest. It was in this Smith home that Fremont was nursed back to health through the kindness of Mrs. John C. L. Smith.

The Parowan community, particularly this location, is rich in pioneer history and tradition and the SUP Chapter is striving to perpetuate this wonderful heritage. The chapter is planning on building a memorial to John C. Fremont on this exact location.

Parkinson Honored

The Salt Lake SUP Luncheon Club at its Aug. 4 meeting honored Wilbur Parkinson, co-chairman of the Days of '47 Celebration for his management of the nationally-acclaimed event. He received a gold pen and pencil set from the club.

Speaker at the luncheon was Gene Fullmer, former world's middle-weight boxing champion who recalled some of his ring experiences, emphasizing the humorous and the heart-throb angles.

Frank Parry, presided and Eugene Wilins gave the invocation.

FRIENDSHIP

A friend is the first person who comes in when the whole world has gone out. —Bulwer-Lytton.

Historical Treasures

Andrew Jensen's publication of information available in the Church Historian's Library and Archives is a very real contribution to scholars unable to visit the library. Although many are acquainted with his *Historical Record*, *Church Chronology*, and the four volume *Biographical Encyclopedia*, all are not aware that his *Encyclopedic History* is an indispensable bibliographical tool for the identification and description of early Church newspapers and periodicals, as well as an alphabetic listing and encyclopedic treatment of geographic units within the Church organization and of institutions that are a part of Mormon, Utah, and Western history.

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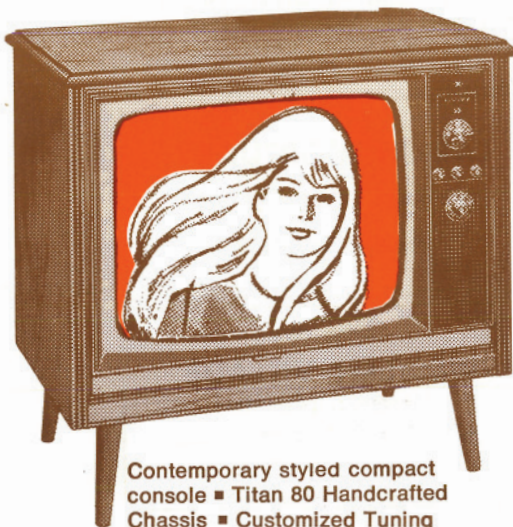
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